STATE OF ILLINOIS ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

| AMEREN TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF ILLINOIS |) | |
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| Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience and |) | |
| Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406.1 of the Illinois Public |) | |
| Utilities Act, and an Order pursuant to Section 8-503 of the |) | |
| Public Utilities Act, to Construct, Operate and Maintain a |) | Docket No. 12-0598 |
| New High Voltage Electric Service Line and Related |) | |
| Facilities in the Counties of Adams, Brown, Cass, |) | |
| Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Edgar, Fulton, Macon, |) | |
| Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, |) | |
| Scott and Shelby, Illinois. |) | |

MOTION TO FILE AND ADMIT A STIPULATION BETWEEN AMEREN TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF ILLINOIS AND THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) hereby moves for admission into the record in this case the attached Stipulation, marked as Stipulation Exhibit 3, including Exhibit A to the Stipulation. In support of this motion, ATXI states as follows:

- 1. ATXI filed a petition in this matter on November 7, 2012 seeking issuance by the Illinois Commerce Commission (Commission) of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Sections 8-406.1 and 8-503 of the Public Utilities Act, 220 ILCS 5/8-406.1, 8-503, authorizing ATXI to construct, operate, and maintain a new electric Transmission Line (as defined in the Petition) and related facilities (collectively, the Project) in areas of the State of Illinois.
- 2. ATXI proposed a Primary and Alternate Route for each section of the Project, including the portion of the route between Meredosia and Ipava, Illinois.
- 3. On December 3, 2012, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) filed a Petition to Intervene in this proceeding, which was granted on December 12, 2012. TNC holds certain property interests (a 1,200+ acre nature preserve and a conservation easement over

approximately 90 acres) in Brown County that TNC believes would be adversely affected by the Transmission Line on ATXI's Primary Route for the Meredosia to Ipava segment. In addition to concerns about its own property interests, TNC has concerns about a wetland mitigation bank site and upland bluff habitat in Brown and Schuyler counties.

- 4. On January 3, 2013, TNC filed its Corrected Identification of an Alternative Route in which it identified two alternative routes, which were modifications to ATXI's Alternate Route for the portion of the proposed transmission line located in Cass, Brown, and Schulyer County (TNC Alternatives) (See The Nature Conservancy's Corrected Identification of an Alternative Route ¶ 5, Exs. A, B.)
- ATXI and TNC (Stipulating Parties) have engaged in discussions regarding resolution of certain concerns with respect to proposed transmission line routes between Meredosia and Ipava, Illinois.
- 6. As a result of the discussions, an agreement was reached between the Stipulating Parties resolving these concerns. This agreement is reflected in Stipulation Exhibit 3. Under the terms of the agreement, the Stipulating Parties, *inter alia*, agree that the modified version of a portion of ATXI's Alternate Route running from Meredosia to southern Schuyler County as shown on Exhibit A to the Stipulation (Stipulated Route), is a preferred route for this segment, and is the route that the Stipulating Parties will request that the Commission approve in this proceeding.
- 7. The Stipulating Parties agree that there is support in the record for the adoption of the Stipulated Route.
- 8. The filing of Stipulation Exhibit 3 will ensure a full, complete and accurate record in this proceeding and will serve the interests of administrative efficiency in that issues otherwise

in dispute are resolved by the agreement reflected in Stipulation Exhibit 3.

9. TNC has reviewed this motion and is in agreement with it.

WHEREFORE, for the above reasons, ATXI requests admission of Stipulation Exhibit 3, including Exhibit A to the Stipulation, into the evidentiary record in this case.

VERIFICATION

I, Albert D. Sturtevant, certify that: i) I am an attorney for Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois; ii) I have read the foregoing *Motion*; iii) I am familiar with the facts stated therein; and iv) the facts are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Albert D. Sturtevant

STATE OF ILLINOIS) SS CITY OF CHICAGO)

Subscribed and SWORN to before me this Laday of April 2013.

Notary Public



Dated: April 11, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Albert Sturtevant, an attorney, certify that on April 11, 2013, I caused a copy of the foregoing *Motion for Leave to File Stipulation* to be served by electronic mail to the individuals on the Commission's Service List for Docket 12-0598.

/s/ Albert Sturtevant

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